Bay of Pigs Veterans Will Seek Hearing

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MIAMI, July 18 (UPI) — Veterans of the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba will ask next week for their day in court in a bid to get their battle flag back from the Kennedy Library.

The 1,000-member Bay of Pigs Veterans Association had filed suit last spring in U.S. District Court against the government for return of the flag of the 2506 Brigade of Cuban Exiles, which was decimated in its April 17, 1961, attempt to overthrow Cuban Premier Fidel Castro. The association filed its suit after the library refused to return the flag, contending it was U.S. government property on loan.

Last week, in answer to the suit, the U.S Attorney's office refused to waive what it called its immunity from being sued for recovery of the flag, saying the group "lacks standing to bring this action." The veterans plan to contest this reply.